June 18, 2009

Ms. Angie Godfrey Office of Head Start c/o ACYF Operations Center 118 Q Street, NE Washington, DC 20002

Dear Ms. Godfrey:

I am writing to offer my support to the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency as they pursue funding from the Administration for Children and Families to expand their Early Head Start program.

Since 1995, SETA's Early Head Start has been extremely helpful to Sacramento residents, working families and young children. This program is nationally renowned for its innovative programs and systems of design. SETA's Early Head Start program provides familycentered services designed to promote the development of young children, to enable their parents to fulfill their roles as role models, and move families toward self-sufficiency.

Now in its fourteenth year of Early Head Start services, SETA continues to address the needs of Sacramento's most vulnerable citizens. SETA has developed an inclusive plan to partner with many of the local homeless shelters and food banks to provide comprehensive services. This allows them to reach out to Sacramento's neediest of families to ensure those families have an opportunity to make positive changes in the lives of their children.

I am pleased to support SETA and their application for funding to expand their Early Head Start Program. Funds from this solicitation will be beneficial for expanding their program which serves low income families with infants and toddlers and pregnant women in the Sacramento area. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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